WHEREAS, Poetry has never ceased to delight millions of people all over the world for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, poetry was the first of all the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, thousands of poets each year produce poems to be read and enjoyed by groups and individuals throughout every country in the world; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the works of these many poets on a day set aside especially for this purpose:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 15, 1972, as

POETRY DAY

in the State of South Dakota, and do urge all citizens of our State to pay tribute to the great poets of our country, as well as the great poets of the world, by observing this day in suitable fashion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of The State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 24th day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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